(b) if so, the name of that medicine and the reasons for not giving publicity to this medicine and for not distributing it in the dispensaries;

(c) whether the homoeopathic medicine namely "Lechesis 200" has been tested and found effective in checking dengue; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not using it for checking dengue so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b). No medicine for complete cure of dengue fever in any of the systems of medicine has been discovered so far.

(c) and (d). The Homoeopathic Medicine namely "Lechesis 200" is reported to be useful in treatment of Dengue.

[English]

Students Agitation

1456. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the on-going agitation by the under-graduate students at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the demands of the agitating students of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d). Yes Sir. The undergraduate students of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi had gone on strike from 4th November, 1996. The students were insisting on active verification of whether the applicants were pursuing postgraduate studies in any other institution while seeking admission into AIIMS. The demand of the students was discussed in various fora of the Institute and it was decided to try out the process of active verification on an expermimental basis for the academic session of 1997. The strike was called off from the night of November 16, 1996.

Referal Hospitals in Karnataka

1457. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Central Government employees in Karnataka covered under Central Government Health Scheme;

(b) the names of the Hospitals recognised as Referal Hospitals in Karnataka under C.G.H.S.; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to declare some of the Nursing Homes and Hospitals like Bangalore Hospital, Mallaya Hospital etc. as referal hospitals under the above scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) So far, 46233 cards have been issued to the serving Central Govt. employees in Karnataka under the Central Govt. Health Scheme.

(b) At present, two private hospitals, namely, Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore and M.S. Ramaiah Medical Teaching Hospital, Bangalore, are recognised as referral hospitals in Karnataka under C.G.H.S.

(c) Private Hospitals and diagnostic centres are being recognised as referral hospitals/centres under the C.G.H.S. Processing is on for recognition of hospitals under CGHS at Bangalore.

Purchase of ALH

1458. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry of Defence has issued a letter of intent to HAL for purchasing 300 Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) and if so, the details of modalities finalised in this regard;

(b) whether ALH has received their worthiness certificate from D.G. Civil Aviation, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Indian Air Force and Army have approved the variations carried out or proposed to be made in ALH, if not, the details in this regard and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the present position about the production of ALH by the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. and by when the first batch will roll out when it will meet the full requirement of IAF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) Letters of intent have been received by HAL projecting the requirement of three hundred helicopters for the three Services.

(b) The civil proto type is under development and it is planned to achieve its due certification by the DGCA by 1998.

(c) The military is being continuously evaluated by CEMILAC (Centre for Military Aircraft's Air-Worthiness.) The development of the ALH is intended to cater to the specific and several requirements of the Army, Navy and the Air Force.

(d) Production of the first batch of helicopters has been launched and deliveries are scheduled to begin from 1998 onwards.